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Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Extension of Trail Use Request Relating to that Portion of the Proposed Abandonment of the Sheffield Industrial Lead from M.P. 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa to M.P. 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa, a distance of 4.10 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 202X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated September 2, 2004 for an additional 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Sheffield Industrial Lead from Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa to Milepost 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa. The Union Pacific is only willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council and the Iowa Department of Transportation concerning the acquisition of the property for trail use from Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa to Milepost 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa and supports the Council's request for an additional 180 days in which to negotiate with regard to that portion of the Line only. Notice of consummation of the abandonment of the remainder of the Line from Milepost 178.0 to Milepost 179.80 was filed with the Board on September 16, 2004. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

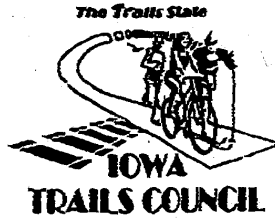
Enclosures

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Re. AB33 (Sub No. 202X)

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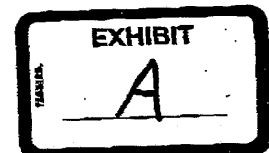
We are currently finalizing negotiations for acquisition of the above railroad right-of-way for conversion to a trail. We expect these negotiations to be completed relatively soon.

We may be in the need, however, of an extended period of time in which to complete these negotiations, preferably the usual 180 days, though we do not anticipate the real need for this full amount of time.

The time previously allowed will expire on September 20. We believe that the Railroad concurs in the need for an extension of the negotiation period. We are forwarding copies of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago.

Sincerely,

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Comments: Iowa Trails Council Extension Request

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